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India Office

IT is certain that the policy of the British Government towards India will not materially change under the Labour Government, or for that matter, under any party that comes into power. This is clearly reflected in the appointment of the new Secretary of State for India, which means the continuance of the India Office in London and not as was anticipated in certain quarters that India would be transferred to the Dominions Office.

We are more than ever convinced that the basic policy of the British Government towards India will remain unchanged under the new Secretary of State for India, Mr. Pethick Lawrence. As Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit pointed out, "it is not the ability or the integrity of the individual but the policy by which he is bound" that counts. Pethick Lawrence in the India Office represents British Imperialism. No one will deny that fact. Whatever his individuality may be, we are not concerned with the man. We are concerned with what he represents. The late Ramsay MacDonald as an ordinary Labour M.P. was a great champion of India's freedom but the same Ramsay MacDonald, when he headed the Labour Government, did not hesitate to continue Britain's imperialist policy in India. And India's past experience with Labour Government was not such as to inspire Indians to attach any importance or to express any enthusiasm in another Labour Government, least of all in any particular individual.

It is quite clear that we can gain our independence only by continuing our freedom fight and not by pinning our faith on individuals or their governments. On the vital issue of independence no one can help us. We must fight for it as others have done before us. We must prove our strength every time, for Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has said, "If we exhibit any weakness, British politicians are bound to take advantage of it and get the better of us".

And for India there is only one way to achieve her independence. As Mrs. Pandit says, "We must continue to build up our own strength in terms of National unity and constructive programme, political, social and economic regeneration and not think in terms of a compromise with any British political party on the principles of India's independence".

The Labour Government may succeed in hoodwinking a section of Indian public by their lip sympathy with India's aspirations, but they cannot fool all people for all time. We in East Asia have been placed more advantageously than people at home in order to see things in their clear perspective. As regards British imperialism is concerned it is easier for a leopard to change its spots than for a Labour Government to alter its attitude towards India. They will never give India full independence and India will never be satisfied with any reform less than complete eradication of British power from India. Indians have to fight for it and that is the reason Indians here are determined to fight against the Anglo-Americans to the last man and to the last round under the inspiring leadership of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Major Political Issues Not Solved At Potsdam Big-Three Conference

Lisbon, Aug. 6 (Domei)—Several political questions of widespread international importance involving Iran, the Dardanelles, Italian colonies and the Levant States, were raised but not resolved at the "Big Three" Conference at Potsdam, James B. Reston reported today in a Washington dispatch to the "New York Times."

Firstly, Britain, the correspondent said, is understood to have raised the question of the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Iran, but no agreement was reached for an immediate withdrawal as requested by the Iranian Government.

Secondly, although no mention was made in the final Potsdam communique, the Russians are believed to have made it clear that they wished a revision of the Montreux Convention, which governs the passage of ships through the Dardanelles.

In this connection, the correspondent said that under the terms of the Montreux Convention, Turkey has the power to control the movement of warships and vessels through the straits in time of peace and war.

The Russians are believed to have insisted that the states bordering on the Black Sea, including the Soviet Union, should have the right to send all categories of ships through the straits in peace or in war without the interference of Turkey or anybody else.

The Montreux Convention, made in July 1936, gives the Turks, the right to militarize and fortify the straits and, moreover, bars any nation from sending through the straits in peace-time warships above 10,000 tons, submarines and carriers.

The correspondent said the Russians do not like these restrictions as they hamper Russian supply through the Black Sea and prevent the Russians free and full access to the Mediterranean.

"Moreover, the Russians reject the principle that any power should have the authority to block their free passage from European Russia to the outer oceans. Consequently, the opening of such gateways as the Dardanelles and the Kiel Canal have become the immediate concern of the Soviet Government," he said.

Thirdly, the correspondent said the Russians are understood to have proposed that at least some of the Italian colonial empire be placed under the trusteeship system of the new world security organization in a manner that the Soviet Union and other principal associates would have joint authority for administering these territories.

Although just what parts of the Italian empire Russia suggested for trusteeship are not known, the correspondent said

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Our Popular General

By his selfless devotion to duty and his fatherly affection towards his subordinates, Major-General M. Z. Kiani has won the high regard of the Officers and men of the Azad Hind Fauj.

Azad Hind Fauj Officers Promoted; S. C. Alagappan Becomes Major-General

No fewer than twelve promotions have been made in the Azad Hind Fauj by His Excellency Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the Supreme Commander of the Azad Hind Fauj. These promotions have been published in the Azad Hind Fauj Gazette dated 14th July, 2605.

Colonel S. C. Alagappan has been promoted to the rank of Major-General.

Lt.-Col. P. M. Kasliwal, Lt.-Col. Habib-Ur-Rahman Khan, Lt.-Col. I. J. Kiani, Lt.-Col. C. J. Stracey, Lt-Col. Gulzara Singh, and Lt.-Col. S. A. Malik, Sardar-E-Jang, have been promoted to the rank of Colonel.

Major V. E. Ramasamy, Major S. N. Gupta, Major Pritam Singh, Sardar-E-Jang, Major P. S. Raturi, Sardar-E-Jang, and C. S. Nogi have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

INDONESIAN PEOPLE TO ATTAIN COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE SOON

The Headquarters of the Imperial Nippon Army in the Southern Regions issued the following announcement today, August 7:

"The Nippon Army in the Southern Regions, which has been giving guidance to the East Indies inhabitants on the basis of the Imperial Nippon Government's promise on September 7th last year to extend independence to the East Indies, has agreed, in response to the inhabitants' swift acquisition of political training arising from the self-awakening and their ardour regarding joint defence, to establish a preparatory committee for East Indies' independence during the middle part of August as a final preliminary facilitating the realization of an independent government."

Nippon Garrison Holds Firm On Wewak Island; Enemy Thrusts Foiled

Southern Front, Aug. 6 (Domei)—Nippon garrison forces in Wewak, despite various adverse conditions, are securely holding their positions around the foot of the Alexander mountains and continuing to counter-attack enemy forces with the highest fighting morale.

Although the Australian Sixth Division some 10,000 strong attempted a breakthrough of the Alexander mountains from the Wewak sector under cover of their air forces and heavy artillery fire on June 10, our garrison units counter-attacked them at the foot of the mountain range and by staging a series of counter-assaults, did not yield an inch of ground.

Meanwhile, our forces have been exacting a heavy toll of lives from the enemy. Since the beginning of this year up to the end of July, our forces in this sector have counted 6,000 enemy dead. Casualties inflicted on the enemy are believed to have surpassed the 9,000-mark.

In recognition of these war results, the forces in this sector recently received a citation and a letter of commendation from the Commander-in-Chief of this sector.

Recently the enemy has been reinforcing his troops in a desperate attempt to break through our frontlines and is carrying on persistent attacks spearheaded by tanks. However, the main strength of our garrison forces continue to securely hold their positions east of Cape Matsu.

Responsible Govt. And Adult Franchise Urged For Kashmirians

A report from New Delhi says that the Kashmir National Conference now meeting in Jodphur has passed a resolution demanding full responsible Government in Kashmir. The Conference has also demanded immediate election to the Assembly on the basis of adult franchise, the abolition of nominated elements in the Assembly and submission of the Army budget and military affairs to the Assembly vote.

Recollecting that the Kashmir National Conference was highlighted by the presence of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, a Spokesman of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind asks if it did not occur to Pandit Nehru and Maulana Azad to contrast their own attitude to Wavell's compromise proposals at Simla and the brave and determined stand of the masses of Kashmir. The resolutions of the Kashmir Conference, he declares, must be taken as convincing corroboration of Netaji's confident claim that the masses of India are totally opposed to any compromise on the issue of complete independence.

According to a Government press note issued in New Delhi, the British Government has forcibly plundered 55 crores 75 lakhs rupees in the form of Central Government loans during the four weeks ended July 28th.

Political observers here declare that the few Indian leaders who have been indulging in wishful thinking about the new British Labour Government's attitude to India, must have already been considerably disillusioned by the continued retention of the India Office and the total silence of the new Government about their India policy and such vital and urgent matters as the release of all political prisoners and the lifting of all bans on the Congress and other nationalist organisations.

To this disillusionment, say these observers, will be added the shock of the Labour Government's more vigorous and ruthless measures for the exploitation of India for the war against Nippon. The size of Government loans and rates of taxes and other levies will increase by leaps and bounds, they declare.

Viceroy Wavell To Be Recalled From India?

Lisbon, Aug. 6 (Domei)—Commenting on reports forecasting the recall of Indian Viceroy Lord Wavell which are now being widely circulated in India, highest official circles in London today stated that they possessed no knowledge of any proposal for the immediate recall of the Indian Viceroy, according to a Reuter dispatch from London.

Informed quarters were quoted as saying that they thought it most unlikely that any such step would be contemplated before the new Labour Government had even a chance of holding a fulldress meeting.

Cholera Epidemic Breaks Out In Berar Province

Lisbon, Aug. 6 (Domei)—A Reuter dispatch from Bombay today reported that the cholera epidemic in Berar Province, Central India, is increasing at an alarming rate.

Official returns for the week ending July 28, state that 573 persons have died in four districts of Berar, the report said. The government was said to be taking all steps to end the epidemic.

Communists Disallowed To Hold Meetings In Greece

Zurich, August 5 (Domei)—Reports telling of mounting political unrest in Greece, especially between Rightists and Leftist elements, further were substantiated by the receipt here of an Athens dispatch stating that Greek authorities today frustrated an attempt by Greek Communists to hold a large-scale demonstration at the Athens Stadium.

Pamphlets had been widely scattered by the Communists inviting all tax-payers as well as dismissed employees to attend the gathering and demand the formation of an anti-Fascist Government. It will be recalled that the Communists have been strongly charging that the present Greek Government is being supported by Rightists and is Facist in character.

Although all political gatherings by the "EAM" Communist organization, already have been banned, the Greek Minister of Interior, the dispatch said, has been compelled to issue another warning that any attempt by the "EAM" to hold a meeting will be met by the police and dispersed.

Widespread Political And Economic Unrest In Italy

Zurich, August 5 (Domei)—With widespread economic and political unrest prevailing throughout Italy, the Italian News Agency reported here today that serious rioting broke out recently in a village in Southern Italy.

The Agency said that the villagers disarmed the local police, cut telephone wires and blocked roads leading to the village.

Armed with handgrenades and rifles, the discontented villagers were said to have set fire to the local food office and the tax collector's office.

The rioters were also reported to have murdered a local landlord whom they considered responsible for the death of the Socialist mayor of the village.

Greater E. Asia Students Complete Summer Course

Tokyo, August 6 (Domei)—Student-members of the Society of International Students are scheduled to return here today after completing their summer training course conducted in the Okutone region, Ibaragi Precture.

Since July 28 these students from Greater East Asia nations studying in Nippon had diligently studied and practised the Zon cult of Buddhism at the temple in Okutone. During their training they enthusiastically exchanged friendly discussions with local villagers and farm leaders on many problems of common interest which produced excellent results in promoting understanding and friendship between the students and villagers.

Unprecedented Drought In Kansu Province

Peking, Aug. 4 (Domei)—Already confronted with the most serious famine in southern Shensi Province, Chungking has added worry with reports of an unprecedented drought in Kansu Province.

According to recent reports the Lanchow area and the whole of Kansu Province had virtually no precipitation in April, May and June, and crops have failed to sprout and even if they do so they will dry up. In the connection, the reports said, during a one-month period alone from the latter part of May to the latter part of June, food prices skyrocketed by 8,000 per cent.

Nippon Biding Time To Crush Anglo-Americans

Tokyo, August 6 (Domei)—The present stage of the war finds the Nippon nation awaiting an opportune moment to strike the enemy without being led into a trap by the enemy's scheming, the Nippon Times editorial declares.

It says the solid confidence of the Nippon people in their ability to successfully smash any landing on their soil continues unshaken, adding that precious time is being fully utilized to turn the country into a gigantic fortress, to hoard their fighting power and increase air power.

The paper points out that, although the American public has been stirred by the activity of their task forces in Nippon waters, certain informed American quarters have been warning against the grandstand propaganda of the American military. It says: "This indicates that even inside the United States there are some who do not swallow the whole of what the military tells them, that there exist doubts and worries about the hard road ahead and that there is a great fear of the appalling toll in men and materials in store."

The Times says it is obvious that Nippon's tactics of biding her time are disturbing to the Americans and causing them to fear a greater loss of lives and equipment. "Intensification of the air war against Nippon is a necessity for the United States, for she must cover the distrust of her people for her military leaders," it asserts.

Meanwhile, the Times adds, with the end of the war in Europe, the Soviet Union washed her hands of fighting, while Britain psychologically relaxed with the defeat of Germany and is merely fighting half-heartedly. "Only the United States of the 'Big Three' is being forced to face still greater attrition in the Pacific. This disadvantageous situation internationally speaking has increased misgivings about the future on the part of the Americans and has caused them to feel further attrition to their navy, core of their fighting power."

The Nippon people, meanwhile, are awaiting calmly for the right time in which to strike a long-stored crushing blow upon the American navy and thus destroy the enemy's invasion dreams, the Times concludes.

Negotiation For Revision Of Anglo-Egyptian Treaty

Lisbon, Aug. 6 (Domei)—Nokrashy Pasha, Egyptian Premier, tonight asked the Egyptian Senate for authority to negotiate with the British Govegnment for the revision of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of Alliance of 1936, according to a Cairo dispatch.

The treaty in question provides for British military occupation of Egypt, recognizes special British interests in the defence of the Suez Canal zone and confirms the earlier treaty arrangement for the administration of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

The Egyptian Premier's statement is significant inasmuch as Egyptian nationalists, especially the Wafdist Party, recently have been strongly advocating the withdrawal of British troops from Egyptian soil and the return of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan to full Egyptian control.

Evacuees Urged To Go To Tanjong Karang Settlement

Expressing satisfaction at the arrangements that have been made by the Selangor Authorities and the various community leaders for the reception of evacuees from Syonan to that State, the Kosei-ka Cho of the Syonan Municipality exhorts evacuees who have neither friends nor relatives to go to Tandjong Karang Settlement and undertake food cultivation.

This settlement has been opened up already and it is about six to 25 miles from Kuala Lumpur. Newly-built houses are available for immediate occupation. Each house cost about $25,000 to erect and they have not been used as coolie lines. At present there is a watchman to look after each house, so the evacuees who decide to settle on the land will find everything in readiness for their occupation, states an official report from the Selangor Government regarding Syonan evacuees.

"It is hoped," says the Kosei-ka Cho, "that evacuees will decide to settle at Tandjong Karang and become self-supporting instead of living with relatives or friends and perhaps undergo difficulties in the future.

"It would be far better for evacuees to begin at once to become self-sufficient," the Kosei-ka Cho advises.

Commenting on the three batches of evacuees who arrived in Kuala Lumpur during July, the official report says: "Some of the evacuees were impatient to go immediately to their friends' homes, but the Authorities could not allow this due to the fact that it would result in great confusion as far as the luggage was concerned. If the evacuees could properly select their baggage it would be easy matter but this was not possible at night (the trains arrived at about midnight). The Chinese were taken to the Overseas Chinese Association, the Indians to the Indian Temple, and the Malais to the Malai Club where they were housed and fed for the night. All evacuees must clearly understand that the Selangor Authorities and community leaders are doing their very best to assist them and the method adopted is to prevent any luggage getting mislaid."

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it is believed that Russia opposed giving the Italian Dodecanese Island to Greece, as the Anglo-Americans are inclined to do, and insisted that these islands which form another barrier to shipping through the Aegean and into the Dardanelles should be internationalized.

No definite agreement also was reached among the "Big Three" concerning the future disposition of Italy's African possessions, he said.

Another question discussed without full agreement concerned the four power conference to settle the tangled affairs of Syria and Lebanon. He said that while Soviet officials favoured such a conference, it is said to have been opposed by Britain and the United States.

Furious Fighting Rages In Balik Papan Sectors

A Nippon Base in the South-Western Pacific, Aug. 7 (Domei)—Nippon and enemy forces continued to wage battle along the Balik Papan-Samarinda highway area on two days Aug. 2 and 3 with our forces quelling all enemy ground activity while at the same time continuing to harass the enemy's rearlines through fierce storming attacks.

In the Tempaton area our forces carried out fierce night attacks during the night of Aug. 1 and recovered several points to which the enemy had advanced.

Tangier Discussions Postponed Indefinitely

Lisbon, Aug. 6 (Domei)—The Tangier Conference scheduled to begin in Paris tomorrow has been postponed at the request of Britain, according to a London dispatch. The British Government is said to have asked for a delay in order to have more time to study the future status of the International Zone of Tangier over which Spain assumed unilateral control in 1940. The Soviet Union, it will be recalled, recently demanded and secured the right to take part in the Tangier discussions.

Soong Expected In Moscow To Resume Discussions

Lisbon, Aug. 6 (Domei)—T. V. Soong, President of the Chungking Executive Yuan, accompanied by newly-appointed Chungking Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh, is expected to arrive in Moscow by air within the next 24 hours to resume the discussions with Soviet Premier Josef Stalin and Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotov which were interrupted by the Potsdam Conference, according to a report received here today.

France Suffers Over One Million War Casualties

Lisbon, August 5 (Domei)—Since the beginning of the war in Europe, France has suffered a total of 1,235,000 casualties, including 200,000 killed in the French forces and 250,000 seriously injured, according to a report received here.

In France itself, 150,000 civilians were said to have been killed and 127,000 wounded. Three hundred thousand French civilians have died in Germany and 228,000 others have been repatriated as invalids, the dispatch said.

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Portuguese Journal "Voz" Suspects Soviet Intention

Lisbon, Aug. 4 (Domei)—The influential Portuguese journal "Voz" today raised its voice in protest against the Potsdam decision to exclude the Franco Regime from the United Nations world organization.

The daily said that conditions have changed since the time when the Franco Government was formed and Spain should be permitted to join the world organization like other neutrals.

Analyzing the 7,000-word Potsdam communique clause by clause, the paper expressed suspicion at every turn of Russia's intention.

Australian Generals Injured In Air Crash

Lisbon, August 5 (Domei)—A Melbourne dispatch today disclosed that two Australian Major-Generals—H.C. H. Robertson and J.I.S. Stevens, respectively commander of the Fifth and Sixth Australian division—were injured when their plane crashed into the sea off Lae, New Guinea.

SYONAN TOKUBETU-SI NOTICE NO. 65

The inspection of Provisions Card and the Commodity Purchasing Card will take place as follows:—

1. Period of inspection: From 5th to 31st August, Showa 20.

2. Scope of inspection: All inhabitants who possess Census Cards except Nippon-zin.

3. Method of inspection: The Census Card, Provisions Card and Commodity Purchasing Card which are in the possession of each householder shall be collected by the respective Distributing Centre to which the householder belongs and will be presented to the Syokuryo-Kanrisho of Syonan Tokubetu-Si. Then the Syokuryo-Kanrisho will inspect as to the number of persons mentioned in the Census Card and the number of persons mentioned on both the Provisions and the Commodity Purchasing Cards and then these cards will be, after due inspection, returned with stamp of "inspection completed" on them.

If there is any discrepancy or error in the number of persons mentioned thereon, the Syokuryo-Kanrisho will revise the discrepancy and the Cards will be returned with the above-mentioned stamp on them.

Therefore it is necessary for each householder to present his Census Card, Provisions Card and the Commodity Purchasing Card to his Distributing Centre on the day informed by his Head of Section or Head of Ward.

4. Others: The Provisions and Commodity Purchasing Cards of those persons who are unable to go through this inspection on account of non-possession of Census Cards and also the Provisions and Commodity Purchasing Cards which have not gone through this inspection shall become void.

Those persons who have no Provisions and Commodity Purchasing Cards even though they possess Census Cards should apply, by going through the procedure, for new issuance of said Cards to the Syokuryo-Kanrisho of Syonan Tokubetu-si.

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